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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Minutes of last meeting.
3. Presentation of Communications.
4. Election to fill vacancies.
5. Nomination of Candidates for Membership.
6. Ballot for Candidates for membership.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

Adopted April, 1887.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

TO THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MAINLAND
PIONEER AND BENOVELENT SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN:—I, A— B—, being desirous of
becoming a Member of your Society, do hereby
declare myself in good health, and to have
arrived in British Columbia in the year——.

Proposed by———,

Signed———.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called and known as "THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MAINLAND PIONEER AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY." It is designed to be, and is, a moral, benevolent, literary and scientific association, and its objects are: To cultivate social intercourse, form a more perfect union among its members, and create a fund for charitable purposes in their behalf; to collect and preserve information connected with the early settlement and subsequent history of the country; to form such libraries and cabinets, and to pursue such literary and scientific objects as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, and in all appropriate matters to advance the interests and perpetuate the memory of those whose sagacity, energy and enterprise, induced them to settle in the wilderness and become the founders of a new colony.

Name and
Objects of
the Society.

ARTICLE II.

The Society shall be composed of two classes. To the First Class, all who were residents of British Columbia prior to the 1st January, 1860, and the male descendants of all such who were members shall be eligible. To the Second

Two classes
of Members.

Class, all who were residents of British Columbia prior to the 1st day of January, 1868, and the male descendants of all such who were members shall be eligible.

Honorary
Members:

Honorary members may be admitted without these qualifications, in accordance with such provisions as may be made in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE III.

Election of
Members by
Ballot.

Any person duly qualified, desirous of becoming a member of this Society, shall be proposed and balloted for in a manner to be prescribed in the By-laws, and any person who shall have been once balloted for and rejected, shall not again be proposed for membership within six months from the date of such rejection.

ARTICLE IV.

Each person, on admission, shall pay such fees as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws; and all funds arising therefrom, or from monthly dues, or from donations (unless such donations are given for other specific purposes) shall, after the current expenses of the Society have been paid, be devoted solely to the purposes for which, in Article I., it is declared that this Society is instituted.

ARTICLE V.

Officers.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, one Vice-President, a Secretary, a

Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, to consist of five members, in addition to the Officers of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

Stated meetings of the Society for the transaction of business shall be held on the first Tuesday in each month, but the President may call Special Meetings at such times as he shall deem necessary. The Annual Meeting of the Society for election of Officers shall be held at a Special Meeting in October, and at such meeting the Annual Reports of the Officers of the Society shall be made. The new Officers will take their seats at Meeting held first Tuesday in November.

Meetings.

ARTICLE VII.

The Officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected.

Election of
Officers.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Directors shall meet for business at the call of the President, and a majority of the Board may fill any vacancies which may occur in its own body. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be ex-Officio Members of the Board, a majority of whom must be present in order to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

Board of
Directors.

ARTICLE IX.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall determine the order of business in each. He shall strictly enforce the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules of Order, and shall see that all Officers and Committees perform their respective duties. He shall sign all Resolutions and Orders passed by the Board of directors. He shall neither make nor second any motions or resolutions, nor take part in any debate while in the Chair. He shall inspect and announce the result of all balloting, or other voting by the Society. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall exercise the same power and authority as the President.

ARTICLE X.

A Physician may be appointed at general meeting to act on behalf of the Society, under orders from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI.

Duties of
Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors, shall record its By-Laws and Ordinances, in a book to be kept solely for that purpose; shall preserve a register of the names of the members, and keep a correct account therewith, and shall collect and pay over to the

Treasurer all moneys due the Society; he shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all the books and papers belonging to the Society, excepting those of the Treasurer. He shall certify all accounts and records, under the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer signed by the President. He shall make reports of his accounts at such times as may be required by the Society; shall report the name of each member in arrears to the Society, immediately proceeding the election of officers; shall be exempt from all dues and from serving on Committees. He shall, whenever directed by the president, give the Members and Board of Directors proper notice of all meetings, and shall perform the duties of Corresponding Secretary. He shall be ex-officio Librarian, shall receive and preserve all Books, Maps, Pamphlets, Records, Magazines, etc., which may be purchased for, or donated or loaned to, the Society, and be responsible for the same; and shall keep a record of the names of such donors. He shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as may be ordered by that Board.

ARTICLE XII.

The Treasurer shall keep a book in which he shall record all all receipts and disbursements, and shall report the same annually, or at such

Duties of
Treasurer.

periods as the Society may require. He shall pay no moneys without an order signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver all books, papers, moneys, vouchers, and other property belonging to the Society, in his possession, into the hands of his successor, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as may be ordered by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII.

Duties of
Members.

It shall be the duty of every member of the Society to use all laudable efforts to collect and procure such records, relics, minerals curiosities, etc., connected with the earlier history of the Country, as may be useful and beneficial to this Association, and to gather any information that may be of interest to the Society, and forward the same to the Secretary at Kamloops.

ARTICLE XIV.

Members guilty of misconduct may, upon conviction, (after a proper investigation) be expelled, suspended, fined or reprimanded, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting, provided there be not less than twenty Members present; and any Officer of the Society may be removed from his office by the Board of Directors for such cause as, in its opinion, may be deemed sufficient, provided that such proceedings shall have no effect until

it is confirmed by a two-thirds vote of all the members (there being not less than one third of all the members on the roll) present at a stated meeting.

ARTICLE XV.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting, of which due notice shall have been given in one or more newspapers at least fifteen days prior thereto, at which time there shall not be less than one fifth of all the members on the roll present, and all such alterations and amendments shall be proposed at some meeting at least one month prior to such stated meeting, and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Reading Room at least fifteen days prior thereto.

Adopted. April, 1887.

JAMES McINTOSH,
President.

JOHN TAIT,
Secretary.

LIST OF
Officers ~~AND~~ Charter Members
OF THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA MAINLAND
Pioneer & Benevolent Society,
ORGANIZED, APRIL, 1887.

JAMES McINTOSH, President.
WALTER POUND TROUNCE, Vice-President.
JOHN TAIT, Secretary.
JACOB DUCK, Treasurer.

DIRECTORS :

GEORGE C. TUNSTALL, JOHN T. EDWARDS.
GEORGE B. MARTIN, MICHAEL SULLIVAN.
W. J. ROPER.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS :

James McIntosh, John T. Edwards,
George C. Tunstall, Wm. Dodd,
George B. Martin, John Tait,

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS.—Continued.

Jacob Duck,
Michael Sullivan,
Edmund Cannell,
Bartlet Newman,
Walter Pound Trounce,
John O'Bryan,
Alexander McLean,
J. B. Greaves,
Joseph Ratchford
W. G. Jones,

Chas. T. Cooney,
Donald Walker,
John Peterson,
Alexander McBryan,
Wm. G. Jones,
August Manento,
Patrick Duffey,
Whitfield Chase,
Joseph Fletcher,
W. J. Roper.

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Any person joining this Society who came to the country prior to 1st January, 1860, shall be allowed to enroll his name free of admission. All after that date shall pay a fee of \$5.00, except those who already belong to the British Columbia Pioneer Society of Victoria, whose entrance fee shall be \$2.50. Each member as he joins the Society will be required to sign the Constitution and By-Laws, with his name in full, together with his place of birth, residence, occupation, declaration of good health, and to the best of his belief, the date of his arrival within the limits of British Columbia.

Initiation.

ARTICLE II.

Every applicant for membership shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Society, at a regular monthly meeting thereof, who shall present to the Secretary his full name, place of residence, occupation, condition of health, and the date of his arrival in the country; all of which the Secretary shall record in a book of registry to be provided for that purpose, and he shall also post the name of

Proposal for
Membership.

such applicant conspicuously in the rooms, the entrance fee having been deposited, and such applicant shall not be balloted for unless at the next regular meeting of the Society. Three black balls shall reject a candidate.

ARTICLE III.

**Fraudulent
Membership.**

Any person who shall become a member fraudulently, by making a false entry of the time of his arrival within the limits of British Columbia, shall be expelled from the Society, and shall forfeit any amount he may have paid.

ARTICLE IV.

**Life
Members.**

On payment of Fifty (\$50) Dollars by any member, he shall be released from all further payments of dues, and shall be considered a Life Member of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

**Members'
dues and
neglect to
pay.**

Every member of this Society over the age of twenty-one years, shall pay into the Treasury semi-annually, \$2.50, in advance. Any member who shall neglect to pay such dues for Twelve (12) months, may be stricken from the roll of membership; but any person so stricken from the roll, upon the payment of all arrearages, may by that act be re-admitted by a vote of the Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

Any member who shall be in arrears for dues for more than six (6) months, shall be ineligible to office, and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting, or to enjoy the privileges of this Society in any manner. But when the Board of Directors shall be satisfied that any worthy member of this Society is unable, for the time being, to pay the dues hereinbefore prescribed, it shall have power to remit such dues.

Ineligible
of Office.

ARTICLE VII.

The President shall have power to grant leave of absence to any officer of the Society for a period not exceeding two (2) months, and to appoint some suitable person to perform the duties of such officer during his absence, provided that any officer desiring leave of absence shall give the President one week's notice thereof.

Leave of
Absence to
Officers.

ARTICLE VIII.

Whenever it shall be notified to the Board of Directors that any officer of the Society is absent, and has been absent for a longer period than three (3) months, the Board may thereupon declare the office vacant, and appoint some other person to fill the vacancy.

Absence of
Officers
without leave

ARTICLE IX.

Each member, when speaking, shall address the Presiding Officer, and when called to order

Rules of
Debate.

by him, shall immediately take his seat; but he may appeal from such order, and a majority of the members present may reverse it.

ARTICLE X.

In debate, no member shall be personal in his remarks.

ARTICLE XI.

All motions, if required by the chair, shall be made in writing, and read by the mover at his seat before offering.

ARTICLE XII.

Honorary
Members.

The Society may elect, as Honorary Members, such persons only as shall have rendered important services to the Society, or to the country; but no person shall be elected an Honorary Member who has not at some time resided in British Columbia.

ARTICLE XIII.

Bonds.

The Board of Directors shall fix the amount and approve the bonds of the Secretary and Treasurer, which bonds shall be placed in the possession of the President for safe keeping; and shall determine the compensation to be paid to the Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE XIV.

Auditing
Committees.

The Board of Directors shall constitute the Auditing Committee, and shall examine all ac-

counts against the Society; and no bills or accounts shall be paid by the Treasurer, unless the same shall have been endorsed, approved and signed by the Chairman of that Committee, nor until it shall have been signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary.

ARTICLE XV.

In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Society, the Board of Directors shall call a meeting of the Society within thirty days thereafter, when a successor may be elected to fill the unexpired term of such officer.

Vacancy in
an Office.

ARTICLE XVI.

All real estate that may be acquired by the Society, and all moneys invested, shall be held in trust for the use of the Society, in the name of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and their successors in office, until such time as the Society may be incorporated.

Funds and
Real Estate.

ARTICLE XVII.

The President, on the decease of any member in good standing, shall call a meeting of the Society to attend the funeral, and the Secretary shall notify the members thereof.

Decease of
Members.

ARTICLE XVIII

Ten members shall constitute a quorum for

Quorum.

the transaction of business other than altering the Constitution.

ARTICLE XIX.

Visiting
Committee.

On a member being reported sick or in need, the Chairman shall appoint a Visiting Committee, whose duty it shall be to report to the Board of Directors, who shall have power to tender assistance if needed.

ARTICLE XX.

Meetings.

The monthly meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Tuesday in the month, and at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., from the first of April to the first of October; and from the first of October to the first of April, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE XXI.

Member's
Certificate.

All members shall be entitled, after admission, to a certificate of membership, authenticated by the seal of the Society, and signed by the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE XXII.

To enforce
Article II.

A fine of One (1) Dollar shall be imposed on any officer for absence, if such officer cannot give a good excuse.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Amended

These By-Laws shall not be amended except by a two-thirds vote at a regular monthly

meeting, of which due notice shall be given at least one month prior thereto, at which there shall not be less than one-fifth of all the members of the Society present on the roll, after due notice of such amendment being given as is required to amend the Constitution.

Adopted, April, 1887.

JAMES McINTOSH,
President.

JOHN TAIT,
Secretary.